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BEDELL-HAYNSWORTH WEDDING

Former Sumter Boy Married to Popular Young Lady of Greenville.

The following account of the Bedell-Haynsworth marriage at Greenville Wednesday will be of much interest here as Mr. Haynsworth is a former Sumter boy, now city engineer of Greenville, and his bride has many friends in Sumter.

The Greenville Piedmont says:

A wedding that has created much interest in the social world throughout the State was that of Miss Madeline Bedell to Mr. William F. Haynsworth which was solemnized last evening at six o'clock in Christ church.

The church was lovely in its regulation dress of green and white, handsome ferns, trailing smilax and soft tulle being used in a most artistic manner. On the altar, which was a picture of snowy whiteness, a large gold cross was bounded on either side by handsome brass candelabra while scores of burning tapers lined the chancel.

Prof. Schaefer rendered a beautiful musical program after which the vested choir sang very sweetly the marriage hymn, followed by the bridal chorus from I vengrin to the soft strains of which the bridal party entered down the large middle aisle.

First came the ushers, Mr. Jas. Derriex with Mr. Dufford Jennings, followed by Mr. Proctor Bonham with Mr. A. G. Cunningham, who took their places at the chancel steps.

Following these came the bridesmaids and groomsmen in alternating couples, who mounted the steps to the altar and formed a semi-circle for the remainder of the party. The bridesmaids were Misses Mary and Agnes Haynsworth of Sumter, sisters of the groom, Miss Sallie Mae Tillman of Washington, D. C., and Miss Octavia Arrington.

All wore white net frocks and carried large yellow chrysanthemums tied with yellow tulle. The groomsmen were Messrs. Geo. Edward and Alex. T. Haynsworth of Sumter, brothers of the groom, Geo. D. Duncan and Frank R. Henry.

Next entered the dame of honor Mrs. Galloway Mims who wore a handsome gown of white satin made entrain and carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums.

Following the dame of honor came Miss Nadie Westervelt maid of honor, who was lovely in satin and lace with long court train. She also carried yellow chrysanthemums.

The bride then entered with her brother, Mr. Allen Stanley Bedell, who gave her in marriage. A natural beauty, Miss Bedell never looked so charming as in her hand-some wedding gown of bridal satin with trimmings of rare lace. The skirt was cut ankle length while from the shoulders the handsome court train hung in queenly effect. Her veil, which was worn cap fashion with a wreath of orange blossoms fell to the end of the train. A flower bouquet formed entirely of lilies of the valley completed a picture of rare loveliness.

The groom entered from the vestry with his best man, Mr. Perry Beattie, and met the bride at the altar where the impressive ceremony of the Episcopal church was performed by Rev.

A. R. Mitchell, the beautiful ring service being used.

The bridal party left the church to Mendelssohn's wedding march.

Mr. and Mrs. Haynsworth left on the northbound train for a bridal trip to New York, after which they will return to the city to make their home.

The bride wore a going-away suit of green cloth and velvet trimmed in fur with hat to match.

The bridal party, friends and relatives of the family were entertained at a delightful reception Tuesday evening after rehearsal at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Bedell.

Among the out-of-town guests for the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. Edgar C. Haynsworth of Sumter, parents of the groom; Misses Mary and Agnes Haynsworth and Messrs. Alex. T. and Geo. Edw. Haynsworth also of Sumter, sisters and brothers of the groom, Miss Eugenia Hart of Spartanburg and Miss Sallie Mae Tillman of Washington, D. C.

STENOGRAPHERS MEET.

Pleasant Gathering in Columbia of Shorthand Men.

Columbia Record.

The next meeting of the South Carolina Shorthand Writers' Association will be held at Chicks Springs July 3 and 4. This was the decision of the association which held its first convention in Columbia Thursday. There were many interesting features on the program and the attendance was large and of excellent material to make a successful association. A number of new members were enrolled. The convention went on record as favoring legislation for licensing shorthand writers. This is in line with the avowed purpose of the association to improve the standard of shorthand writers.

The visitors were given an automobile ride about the city as the guests of the local members. The convention adjourned Friday night with a banquet at the Jefferson. There were several strong addresses.

Spoke Wednesday Night.

The many friends of Rev. B. F. McLendon, the noted evangelist of the State, were very much pleased to hear him speak at the weekly prayer meeting at Trinity Methodist church last Wednesday evening. He spoke on the theme, Thanksgiving, which was a very appropriate one indeed, and he handled the subject with his accustomed earnestness and zeal. He stopped off while on his way to Orangeburg, where he will soon hold a series of meetings. From there we understand he will go to Florence.

Death of Jesse B. Baker.

Leader and Vindicator.

Mr. Jesse B. Baker, who had been stricken with paralysis several months since, was stricken again and died at his home near Wisacky Thursday, November 11th. His body was taken to Wells church Friday and buried in the cemetery there. Rev. Bethea conducting the funeral. Mr. Baker was an industrious farmer, a good citizen, a provident father. He leaves his wife and seven children, two girls and five boys, the youngest child being seven years of age.

PLAN JOINT MEETINGS.

Representatives of Various Sunday Schools Act on Suggestion Made at Recent Bible Class Banquet.

Members of various churches, representing the Men's Bible Classes, held a called meeting at Y. M. C. A. building with the following present: C. M. Hurst, W. W. Rowland, J. O. Parwick, H. L. Birchard, J. H. Chandler, E. S. Shuler, L. L. Scaffa and S. F. Stoudenmire. Mr. C. M. Hurst was elected to act as chairman, and S. F. Stoudenmire as secretary. By motion it was:

Resolved, that a committee consisting of the president and teacher or teachers of each of the Men's Bible classes shall constitute an executive committee and that this committee shall elect from its members a president, two vice presidents, a secretary and treasurer. It was recommended that the executive committee be called to meet as soon as possible. The representatives of the First Baptist Bible class were requested to call together the executive committee and arrange for the first joint meeting.

This meeting and its action was taken in accordance with the decision reached at the recent meeting of the Wesley-McLeod Bible Class when Supt. S. H. Edmunds proposed having joint meetings of the Men's Bible classes. The proposal was acted on favorably then and action yesterday was following out a program previously planned.

Warning by a Cotton Merchant.

C. S. Webb, cotton merchant and, incidentally, mayor of Greenville, in a newspaper interview urges Southern farmers to persevere in the policy of last year in reducing the cotton acreage. He points out that if the war should end the demand for cotton used in the manufacture of tents, uniforms, explosives, bandages and sundry other appliances of warfare will cease and that the Europeans, who consume 65 per cent. of the Southern cotton crop, will be too poor to buy cloth and yarn except to satisfy their necessities. There is scarcely a man or woman who under the stress of poverty, can not cut down his consumption of cloth by half without suffering actual discomfort. Mr. Webb's opinion is manifestly sound. The reasons to reduce cotton production are even stronger now than they were a year ago. Had the war ended at the beginning of 1915 the reduction in consuming power of 400,000,000 people would have been comparatively slight.

The danger that Southern planters will throw away the advantage that they have gained in 1915 by overdoing the cotton business next year is very real.—The State.

Shriners Report Big Time.

The Sumter contingent of Shriners who attended the annual fall session and celebration of Omar Temple, which met in Charleston on Thursday, returned to the city on Friday morning weary, but much pleased with the treatment and reception which they had been accorded while in Charleston, which had acted the host in a most hospitable and charming style. All of them report the meeting one of the most delightful that has ever been held.

BIG SNAKE LUNGES AT HUNTER.

Local Sportsman Narrowly Escapes Fatal Stroke From Rattler.

Charleston Post.

To be struck at and narrowly missed by a rattler snake with 20 rattles and a button, was the thrilling and unenvied experience of a Charleston hunter, who several days ago, went on a deer drive about 30 miles up the Cooper river. Some versed in the ways of snakes assert that a rattler doesn't strike without hitting at this season of the year when their poison sacks are filled nearly to the bursting point, rendering them practically blind and exceedingly venomous, with an accurate sense of smell by which they direct an attack. The case of the Charleston hunter might be cited as an exception to the rule that a rattler strikes to hit, and hits.

"I was crossing the woods with a companion," said the hunter, "when I heard the snake's warning, and looking down I saw the reptile coiled and his diamond shaped head pointed directly at me. Immediately I jumped to one side, almost losing my balance and falling on the snake, which struck as I jumped. He fell about a foot short and while he was recolling, I jumped again and kept going. My companion shot him. I went on to an open road and held the middle of this road until I came to the boat eight miles away. I am satisfied that if I had jumped but a second later, I would have been a dead man."

After killing the snake, he was found to possess 20 rattles and a button, indicating that he was a veteran, whose fangs were an inch long, and whose bite would have resulted in a horrible death. The rattles and button are preserved by one of the party, who hadn't the enthusiasm to continue the hunt.

Mrs. S. J. McFaddin Dead.

Harvin, Nov. 26.—Mrs. S. J. McFaddin of this place, widow of the late Samuel J. McFaddin, died at her home very suddenly yesterday afternoon at 6:30 o'clock after a brief illness. She was a most lovable and estimable woman, whose friends are legion throughout the State. She represented the highest type of true womanhood in the sphere of wife, mother and friend, so true, gentle and kind with all in home and community. She was second daughter of Dudley Eugene Hodge and Frances Harvin and was mother of Mrs. Ben H. Harvin, Mrs. Jno. B. Brogdon, Mrs. L. J. Nettles, Mrs. Alford Burgess and Miss Edith McFaddin of this place and A. D. McFaddin and Miss Margaret McFaddin of Columbia, who, with several grandchildren, survive her.

The remains were laid to rest beside those of her husband in the family plot in Manning this afternoon.

Will Meet in Chicago.

Chicago, Nov. 27.—It is believed the Republican national convention will be held here. This belief has been strengthened since Senator Weeks reserved the entire ninth floor of the Congress Hotel for the Massaa delegation. Delegations from York and many other States have made reservations.

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